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Seized Files Hold Alleged Bomb Plans

Federal Buildings Said to Be Targets

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NEW YORK, June 1—Files seized in a Baltimore apartment used by self-proclaimed revolutionaries contain detailed plans to bomb the Old Executive Office Building in the White House complex, according to an assistant U.S. attorney involved in the case.

Documents found in a file drawer marked "in progress" include "very detailed" plans to bomb up to a dozen other federal offices in the Washington area and a building at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, said the prosecutor in Baltimore, Barbara S. Sale.

Evidence seized by the FBI links groups whose members used the apartment to radical organizations suspected of 16 bombings since 1982, including one in November 1983 at the U.S. Capitol, the prosecutor said.

Investigators said the FBI found explosives, timers, weapons, stolen cars, cash and false identity papers in recent raids in Baltimore and at other suspected "safe houses" and garages in Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut.

"It could be that we just got lucky and happened to catch them on the brink of a wave of attacks," said Sale. "Or it could be that this planning stage went on and on." No timetable for carrying out the plans was found, she said.

[Sale and the U.S. attorney in Baltimore, Frederick J. Motz, declined to comment today when contacted by The Washington Post. FBI officials also had no comment.]

The raids stemmed from the May 11 arrest in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., of Marilyn Jean Buck, wanted in a botched 1981 Brinks armored car holdup in New York in which a guard and two police officers were killed. Prosecutors say the holdup was carried out by a coalition of radical political groups formed in the 1960s and 1970s.

Material seized in the New York "safe house" included an aerial photograph of a Westchester County prison, where Brinks holdup convicts Kathy Boudin and Judith Gilbert are being held, prosecutors said.

Sale said the "roomful" of documents seized in Buck's Baltimore apartment provided an exhaustive catalog of the plans and activities of underground radicals thought to be responsible for bombings and robberies since the 1970s.

"It is unbelievable—there's more evidence than we can ever use," she said in a telephone interview. "There was a file drawer marked 'In progress,' and it contained plans and diagrams of a number of federal buildings, with marks where the bombs ought to be placed."

She said one plan diagrammed the Old Executive Office Building, which is part of the 18½-acre White House complex and houses administration offices, including an office of Vice President Bush and the Office of Management and Budget.

The Secret Service, which is responsible for security at the complex, had no comment on the matter because criminal charges were pending, spokesman Michael Tarr said today. Buck's lawyer, Susan Tipograph, did not return calls.

Sale declined to provide further details or to elaborate on the link to groups suspected in the earlier bombings. "There is evidence in the apartment which dovetailed with certain completed bombings," she said.

Sale declined to identify those bombings but said there was evidence linking the apartment to the United Freedom Front. The UFF has been linked by the FBI to bomb attacks that include one in which a Senate corridor in the Capitol was damaged in November 1983.

Among the materials confiscated at the Baltimore apartment were assembled timing devices that could be wired to explosives, Sale said.